

residents of Worth County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to successfully acquire financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$95 million to the local economy.

Of course my favorite memory of working together has to be the community's success in obtaining more than \$93 million from funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to build the Barton Wind Power Project.

Among the highlights:

School grants: Every child in Iowa deserves to be educated in a classroom that is safe, accessible, and modern. That is why, for the past decade and a half, I have secured funding for the innovative Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program—better known among educators in Iowa as Harkin grants for public schools construction and renovation. Across 15 years, Harkin grants worth more than \$132 million have helped school districts to fund a range of renovation and repair efforts—everything from updating fire safety systems to building new schools. In many cases, these Federal dollars have served as the needed incentive to leverage local public and private dollars, so it often has a tremendous multiplier effect within a school district. Over the years, Worth County has received \$234,876 in Harkin grants. Similarly, schools in Worth County have received funds that I designated for Iowa Star Schools for technology totaling \$10,000.

Agricultural and rural development: Because I grew up in a small town in rural Iowa, I have always been a loyal friend and fierce advocate for family farmers and rural communities. I have been a member of the House or Senate Agriculture Committee for 40 years—including more than 10 years as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Across the decades, I have championed farm policies for Iowans that include effective farm income protection and commodity programs; strong, progressive conservation assistance for agricultural producers; renewable energy opportunities; and robust economic development in our rural communities. Since 1991, through various programs authorized through the farm bill, Worth County has received more than \$740,000 from a variety of farm bill programs.

Keeping Iowa communities safe: I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to statewide challenges such as the methamphetamine epidemic. During the mid-to-late 1990's, cities in Worth County received \$186,512 in Community Oriented Policing Services grants.

Also, since 2001, Worth County's fire departments have received over \$764,000 for firefighter safety and operations equipment.

Disability rights: Growing up, I loved and admired my brother Frank, who was deaf. But I was deeply disturbed by the discrimination and obstacles he faced every day. That is why I have always been a passionate advocate for full equality for people with disabilities. As the primary author of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the ADA Amendments Act, I have had four guiding goals for our fellow citizens with disabilities: equal opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency. Nearly a quarter century since passage of the ADA, I see remarkable changes in communities everywhere I go in Iowa—not just in curb cuts or closed captioned television, but in the full participation of people with disabilities in our society and economy, folks who at long last have the opportunity to contribute their talents and to be fully included. These changes have increased economic opportunities for all citizens of Worth County, both those with and without disabilities. And they make us proud to be a part of a community and country that respects the worth and civil rights of all of our citizens.

This is at least a partial accounting of my work on behalf of Iowa, and specifically Worth County, during my time in Congress. In every case, this work has been about partnerships, co-operation, and empowering folks at the State and local level, including in Worth County, to fulfill their own dreams and initiatives. And, of course, this work is never complete. Even after I retire from the Senate, I have no intention of retiring from the fight for a better, fairer, richer Iowa. I will always be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa as their Senator.●

CONGRATULATING KARTHIK ROHATGI

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, Today I recognize one of Nevada's brightest students—Karthik Rohatgi—for earning the prestigious title of Presidential Scholar from the U.S. Department of Education. Presidential Scholars are chosen for outstanding test scores, essays, grades, and community service commitments.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars named only 141 scholars throughout the United States this year, and Karthik Rohatgi, who attends the Davidson Institute for Talent Development at the University of Nevada, Reno is among them. Each Presidential Scholar will receive a medallion at a ceremony on June 22 in Washington, DC.

This young man's academic accomplishments serve to reinforce the important role of education in our State. As the father of four and husband to a lifelong teacher, ensuring that all of

Nevada's students have access to a high-quality education is important to me. I strongly believe higher education opens the door to more job opportunities and professional fulfillment, as well as increased earning power. For this reason, I will continue working to support educators and students to ensure that Nevadans are well prepared to enter the workforce and begin successful careers.

On behalf of the residents of the Silver State, I am proud to recognize Karthik for his accomplishments and contributions to our State. He undoubtedly represents Nevada's best and brightest. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this exceptional young Nevadan.

EDEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Eden, SD, on reaching its centennial anniversary. Since its beginning, this small town in Marshall County has embodied the values that South Dakota was founded upon. The residents of Eden will be celebrating this joyous occasion over the weekend of June 27–29, 2014.

Originally known as Eden Park, homesteaders settling the area chose its name because of the area's beautiful scenery and numerous surrounding lakes. Eden itself was founded after residents of Eden Park decided to relocate near the new railroad in 1914. Known for its fertile soil, Eden is surrounded by vibrant farmland and is home to several successful businesses.

Eden exemplifies the hometown community spirit of South Dakota. After 100 years Eden is still thriving, and it is my honor to publicly congratulate its residents on reaching this commendable milestone.●

REMEMBERING EPIFANIA "EPPIE" ARCHULETA

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I wish to honor the lifetime contributions of Dr. Epifania "Eppie" Archuleta to the cultural heritage of the San Luis Valley of Colorado and Northern New Mexico. An internationally recognized weaver of the Rio Grande, Navajo, and Chimayo weaving traditions, Dr. Archuleta passed away on April 11 at age 92.

Born in Santa Cruz, NM, in 1922 to Agueda and Eusebio Martinez, Dr. Archuleta came from a long line of Northern New Mexico weavers. In 1940, she married Francisco Archuleta and moved north to the small town of Capulin in Colorado's San Luis Valley, where she and Francisco farmed, ranched and raised eight children.

After the age of 60, Dr. Archuleta was able to focus on her weaving full time. Her passion for her craft extended to teaching the art of wool spinning, dying, and weaving to family, friends, community members, and eager students from distant States. She held classes in the small San Luis Valley

towns of Capulin, Alamosa, and Center, at the San Luis Valley Area Vocational School, and 5 hours away in Denver. Through the years, she taught hundreds of eager students. Many of her students went on to establish their own weaving classes and schools throughout the Southwestern United States.

By passing on the weaving tradition, Eppie empowered people—especially women—through teaching a valuable trade they could practice at home and remain with their children while making a decent living. When she was nearly 70, she opened a wool mill in Capulin, employing local citizens who could work close to home. Unfortunately, when her husband passed, Eppie closed the mill.

In 1985, Dr. Archuleta received the National Heritage Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for the Arts. She was the first Hispanic woman to receive this prestigious national award. A year later, she spent a 2-week residency at the Smithsonian Institute Festival of American Folklife in Washington DC, during which four generations participated: Eppie, her mother Agueda Martinez, her daughter Norma Medina and her granddaughter Dolores Archuleta. In 1991, she was featured in National Geographic Magazine, and in 1995, was awarded an honorary doctorate in art from Adams State University. Her weavings are on permanent display at the Smithsonian Institute.

A devout Catholic, Eppie donated pieces to churches including a weaving of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the church in Medanales, NM, and a woven cape depicting Mt. Blanca to the statue of the Virgin Conquistadora in Santa Fe, NM.

Eppie's passing leaves a great loss to all who knew her. Whether picking up a lone traveler walking along the highway and taking them home, providing shelter, meals, and money in exchange for domestic chores and errands, volunteering at local fairs, festivals, and classrooms, or starting a wool mill or weaving school to employ a community, Eppie gave of her time and resources to assist many. She will not be replaced.

RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

• Mr. WALSH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Richland County in eastern Montana as a testament to the strength of the American Dream.

This year, Richland County celebrates its 100th year anniversary. 100 years of ingenuity, 100 years of prosperity, and 100 years of history.

Throughout the years, Richland County has undergone many changes. The past century has seen booms in agriculture, the discovery of oil, the arrival of fracking, and a nation in peacetime and wartime. Through it all, the people who call the county home share the core values of service, honesty, and the willingness to help a neighbor in need.

When pioneers first settled in eastern Montana they were not guaranteed

prosperity, but they brought with them a strong work ethic. That resilience was instrumental in the construction of the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project canal that brought water to the area and allowed the pioneers to irrigate crops and develop the plains. The farmers were taming an area of the country many thought could not be tamed.

Today, agriculture producers from Richland County continue to grow the crops and raise the cattle that feed the world—working the land the same way those before them did.

In the 1970s, in a world hungry for oil, Richland County was eager to help supply the country with its resources. Through the decade to follow, the county boomed with energy through an age of prosperity. Now, hydraulic fracking and the development of the Bakken Formation bring Richland once again to the center of an energy boom unmatched anywhere in the United States.

Perhaps the greatest quality of the county is its kind citizens who are always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor. Despite their fast-paced lives, they still exhibit the same generosity, diligence, and spirit the pioneers brought to Richland County 100 years ago.

I congratulate Richland County for its contributions to our State, our Nation, and the world. We look forward to the next century being as exciting as the last. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4453. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations.

H.R. 4457. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the

House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending on May 14, 2016: Ms. Hannah Rosenthal of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6128. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (BZN), Bert Mooney Airport (BTM), Glacier Park International Airport (GPI) and Yellowstone Airport (WYS); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6129. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support" (RIN3060-AF85) (DA 14-534) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6130. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Report to Congress on the Disclosure of Financial Interest and Recusal Requirements for Regional Fishery Management Councils and Scientific and Statistical Committees"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6131. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Specifications for the 2014-2016 Atlantic Deep-Sea Red Crab Fishery" (RIN0648-XD069) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6132. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List Five Species of Sturgeons as Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XC101) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6133. A communication from the Program Analyst, Financial Operations Office of